

REMARKS

The application and the material cited to date have been carefully reviewed along with Examiner's remarks in the Office Action. After this review, Applicant is convinced that his invention as claimed is patentable. Applicant strongly believes that his claims as amended define the invention in a clear and definite manner, and that all of the claims are allowable over all the cited references.

Claims 1, 2 and 9-33 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 2 and 9-33 are amended. The amended claims are supported by the specification and claims as filed and do not involve new matter. The strikeout and underlined amendments appearing above are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

The recited resins polymerized mixed olefin, polyterpene, glycerol ester of rosin, pentaerythritol ester of rosin, saturated alicyclic hydrocarbon, coumarone indene, hydrocarbon, mixed olefin, alkylated aromatic hydrocarbon, polyalphamethylstyrene/vinyl toluene copolymer, polystyrene, polyphenylene ether, poly(alpha-methylstyrene), poly(o-methylstyrene), poly(m-methylstyrene), poly(p-methylstyrene), poly(4-methylstyrene), and poly(dimethylphenylene oxide) corresponds to those recited in the specification and previously allowed claims.

The amendments are not made for reasons of any cited prior art, but are for better reading, consistency, removal of redundancies, spelling corrections, delation of parentheticals “()” and to better protect the invention. The amendments do not involve any new matter, do not require any additional search, and are directed to formal matters, which only needs review as to form by the Office.

Applicant thanks the Office for pointing out the improper use of trademarks in the rejected claims 18, 22-30 and 33. These claims have now been amended in conformance with 35 USC 112 as cited in MPEP 2173.05(u).

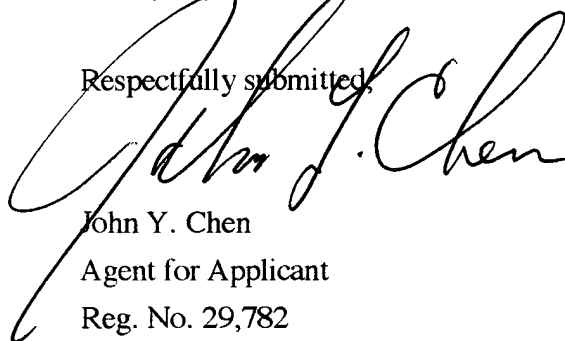
The trademarks recited in the amended claims are being used to identify a source, not a product and not a material. The trademarks as use in the amended claims are not used for purpose of limiting any claims, but to recite one or more “representative” sources only and as used in the amended claims, they properly identify a representative source and serves to better inform “one skilled in the art” and the “public” as to such “representative” sources.

The trademarks as used in the amended claims do not cause confusion as to the scope of the claims and are in conformance with 35 USC 112. Since the presence of a trademark in a claims is not,

per se, improper under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as pointed out in MPEP 2173(u) and as the rejected claims have been amended to properly use the recited trademarks, Applicant request that the objection and/or rejection be withdrawn and the rejected claims be allowed.

This response is being made within the period for response. Should Examiner have any questions regarding this response, Applicant can be reached at (650) 827-1388.

Respectfully submitted,

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